



AUGUST NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

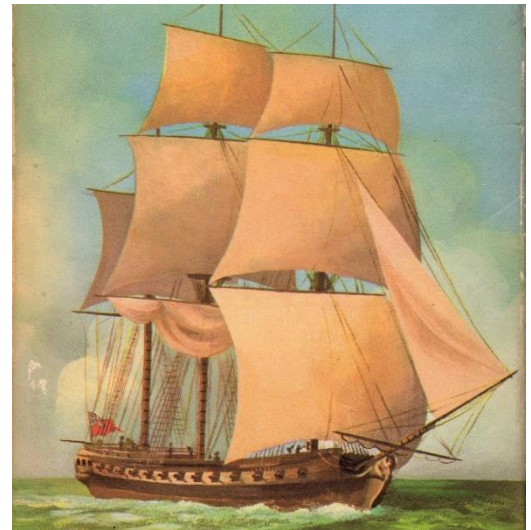
All at Sea: Books with a Maritime Flavour

From the beginnings of the novel in the 17th Century until the present day, the sea has provided a compelling backdrop for storytelling.

Melbourne book collector and Rare Book Week program director Professor Chris Browne will deliver this exploration of literature with a strong maritime setting.

Explore the exploits of heroes such as Hornblower, Aubrey and Kydd, and unforgettable villains Hook, Queeg and Long John Silver.

This talk is presented by The Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network, Rare Books Melbourne and the library.



Details

Tuesday 13th August, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Free for members and guests

Book [here](#).

Huge Weekend Book Sale

Hundreds of titles will be on offer when the library holds a huge book sale in the downstairs foyer on Saturday 17th August and Sunday 18th August.

Books and DVDs will be on sale from \$2.

The sale will be held from 10am-4pm on both days. The library will operate its usual weekend hours.

Come along and grab a bargain or 10.



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Music Performance: Partridge String Quartet

The Partridge String Quartet is back in the library in August, with a varied program including works by Schulhoff, Britten and Harrison.

The quartet formed at the National Academy of Music in 2017 and have quickly established themselves as engaging and dynamic artists.

They won the inaugural 2019 Queensland International Chamber Music Competition, the 2018 ANAM Chamber Music Competition and the 2017 Musica Viva Chamber Music Prize.



Details

Friday 30th August

Free for members, non-members \$20

Book [here](#).

Book Launch: The Flowering Dark

Poet Sue Lockwood's debut book, *The Flowering Dark*, will be launched at the library by author Anne M Carson on Saturday 31st August – and members are invited to attend.

Sue's elegant *Last Train*, which is included in the collection, is featured in the first edition of an exciting new online poetry journal, *The Marrow* (available [here](#)).

Details

Saturday 31st August – 3pm to 5pm

Free for members and guests

Book [here](#).





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Music Performance: Affinity Quartet Part 2

Part two of Affinity Quartet's three-evening program of Beethoven's Opus 18 will be held in the library on Friday 6th September.

Affinity will perform String Quartet no. 1 in F minor and String Quartet no. 6 in B-flat major.

The Opus 18 is considered by many to be an expression of total mastery of the string quartet form.



The third instalment will be held in November and will be advertised to members closer to the date.

Details

Friday 6th September - doors open at 5.30pm, performance from 6pm

Free for members, non-members \$20

Booking information [here](#)



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Scarlet Stiletto Awards Open for Entries

A record \$13,400 in prizemoney is on offer this year's Sisters in Crime Scarlet Stiletto Awards, which recognise Australia's best female short crime and mystery authors.

The library is again sponsoring the Body in Library Award. Stories by past winners and runners-up are available to read on our website.

Judge's co-ordinator and two-time Scarlet Stiletto Award winner Professor Emerita Christina Lee said the awards were remarkable in their ability to uncover outstanding criminal talent.

"Winning a Scarlet Stiletto Award has often been a springboard to a literary career. To date, 4582 stories have been entered, with 34 Scarlet Stiletto Award winners – including category winners – going on to have novels published," she said.

Entries close on 31st August. The shortlist will be announced in October, and the awards will be presented in late November.

To download information and a list of FAQs, click [here](#).



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Member Tours

Come along to a members' tour and learn more about the Athenaeum's fascinating history.

Guests are welcome, tours are free, and the next tour is on Monday 19th August at 11am in the foyer. Tours are held on the third Monday of each month.

Bookings are essential, by either calling the library on 9650 3100, emailing library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au or [via this link](#).

